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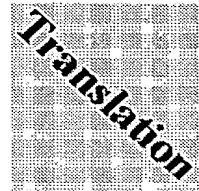
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not yet been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date in the claimed priority date.
2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-36	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 15, 16	YES
	Claims	1, 3-14, 17-36	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-36	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1 The present reports makes reference to the following documents:

D1: DE 100 36 533 A (GE BAYER) 14 February 2002
(2002-02-14)

D2: DE 100 03 322 A (BAYER) 2 August 2001
(2001-08-02)

D3: US 5 998 650 A (SCHRÖCK ET AL) 7 December 1999
(1999-12-07)

D1 describes polyquaternary siloxanes which may also contain alkoxysilyl groups. An alkoxysilyl end group (Z^1 or Z^2) is not disclosed explicitly but is included in a restricted list of possible substituents. The selection of alkoxysilyl groups is therefore not regarded as inventive with regard to D1. No inventive step is thus involved in the present claim 1 under PCT Art. 33(3) with regard to D1.

Regarding claims 2, 15 and 16, D1 does not disclose uretdione groups. These claims thus fulfil the requirements of PCT Art. 33(2) and 33(3). The remaining claims do not appear to contain any additional technical features which might lead to an unexpected solution of a technical problem. The patentability of these claims thus

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(I) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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rests on the patentability of the main claim.

D2 describes siloxanes which can contain both uretdione and amino groups, see, for example, page 8, lines 15-20. The substituent mentioned there is included in a list of possible substituents. Regarding the preparation of suitable polyisocyanates, uretdione structural units are also mentioned, see page 18, lines 40-65. Present claims 1, 2 and also claims 26-29 and 33-36 thus appear not to involve an inventive step with regard to D2.